

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2995 - SB 3065

February 15, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Grants a court the authority to order abduction prevention measures in a child-custody proceeding on its own motion if the court finds that the evidence establishes a credible risk of abduction of the child. Authorizes a party to a child-custody determination to file a petition seeking abduction prevention measures. A prosecutor or public defender may seek a warrant to take physical custody of a child if a petition contains allegations and there is found to be a credible risk that the child is imminently likely to be wrongfully removed.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue - Not Significant
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the proposed legislation authorizes a new remedy to child custody issues that are currently litigated on alternate grounds.
- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.
- There will not be a significant increase in cases for the public defenders or an increase in the hours expended on existing cases.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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